

REMARKS

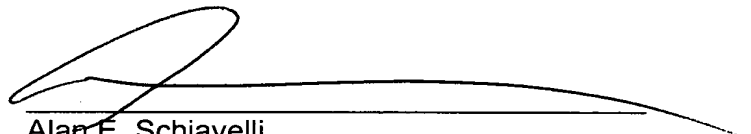
The foregoing amendments are respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits of this application.

New claim 21 is similar to original claim 1, but recites that "a heat transfer prevention material" is provided for preventing heat transfer to the blood flow volume measuring unit from the vicinity thereof. See, e.g., Fig. 11 and the description in the paragraph bridging pages 18 and 19 of applicants' specification.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1021.43073X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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